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SUBJ: MALIK ON ASEAN SUMMIT; US ACTION IN MAYAGUEZ

SEIZURE; INDOCHINA REFUGEES

1. ACCORDING JAKARTA PRESS MAY 17, GOI FONMIN MALIK AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ON RETURN FROM KUALA LUMPUR ASEAN FONFIMS CONFERENCE MAY 16 MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

2. ASEAN SUMMIT. ASEAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD "SHORTLY"--"PROBABLY THIS YEAR." GOVERNMENT LEADERS WILL APPROVE ZONE OF PEACE PROPOSAL, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION TREATY, AND AGREEMENT ON ASEAN SECRETARIAT AT SUMMIT. SUMMIT "APPARENTLY" WILL BE HELD IN INDONESIA, "PERHAPS IN BALI", AND WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRECEDED BY FONMINS MEETING IN SINGAPORE. HEADS OF

GOVERNMENT WILL DETERMINE TIMING ON BASIS REPORTS FROM KUALA LUMPUR CONFERENCE.

3. US RECOVERY OF MAYAGUEZ. ASKED IF US ACTION IN MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE INDICATED DIFFICULTY OF IMPLEMENTING "ZONE OF PEACE" PROPOSAL, MALIK REPLIED, "ALL GREAT POWERS MUST GO FAR AWAY FROM SEA." HE REGRETTED US ACTION AND OPINED THAT OTHER METHODS (THAN MILITARY ACTION) COULD HAVE BEEN USED. "THIS METHOD WAS CONTRARY TO OUR DESIRES AND TO THE ASIAN WAY-ENTERING SOMEONE'S HOUSE WITHOUT PERMISSION." MALIK CONTRASTED US ACTION TO RESCUE THIRTY-NINE CREWMEMBERS WITH US INACTION WITH RESPECT TO "THOUSANDS OF VIETNAMESE" AND DESERTION OF THIEU DESPITE COMMITMENT. "US IS OVER-DRAMATIZING SMALL PROBLEMS AND MINIMIZING MUCH BIGGER ONES," MALIK NOTED.

4. INDOCHINA REFUGEES. ASKED ABOUT REPORTED RECENT ARRIVAL OF NINETY-TWO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN RIAU ISLANDS, MALIK REPEATED PREVIOUS GOI STATEMENT THAT INDONESIA CANNOT ADMIT SUCH REFUGEES TO LIVE IN INDONESIA BUT DOES NOT OBJECT TO BEING A POINT OF TRANSIT. IT UP TO REFUGEES WHETHER THEY RETURN TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY OR CONTINUE ON TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. US WEAPONS STOCKS IN INDOCHINA. MALIK CONFIRMED THAT ASEAN FONMINS HAS DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF LARGE STOCKS OF CAPTURED US WEAPONS. MALIK SAID DISCUSSION WAS FREE FROM FEELINGS OF "WORRY", BECAUSE IT NOT YET CLEAR TO WHAT USE NEW INDOCHINA GOVERNMENTS WOULD PUT WEAPONS. "IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO SELL THEM, WE WOULD CERTAINLY BE WILLING TO BUY, QUOTED MALIK.

6. ASEAN AND INDOCHINA. COMMENTING ON HIS STATEMENT AT FONMINS MEETING, MALIK SAID ASEAN PROGRESS TO DATE HAD BEEN TOO SLOW (USING AID, COORDINATING PLANNING, ETC) AND CONDITIONS WOULD NOT PERMIT ASEAN TO OPERATE AT LEISURELY PACE IN A "FULL SPEED" WORLD. ASEAN WOULD EXTEND ITS HAND TO THE INDOCHINA STATES, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY STRENGTHENING ITSELF. PRACTICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COOPERATION BETWEEN ASEAN AND INDOCHINA WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOOD RELATIONS.

7. COMMENT. MALIK'S MUSE AS USUAL NOT CONFINED BY CONSISTENCY. BARBED COMMENTS RE US ACTIONS MAINTAIN TONE OF OTHER RECENT MALIK PRONOUNCEMENTS AND PROBABLY DESIGNED IN PART TO HELP GOI IN MAINTAINING FLEXIBILITY IN CURRENT FLUID CONDITIONS ON REGIONAL

FOREIGN POLICY SCENE. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, HOWEVER,
ACTION DECISIONS RE INDONESIAN FOREIGN AND SECURITY
POLICY WILL BE MADE ELSEWHERE IN GOI AND MALIK
WILL ACCOMODATE AS NECESSARY. NEWSOM

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